have been clubbed for purposes of promotion where the nature of duties are similar.

(b) The nature of duties of technical staff in Homoeopathic Pharmacopoeia Committee and Homoeopathic Pharmocopoeia Lab. are different. As such the staff of Homoeopathic Pharmocopoeia Committee and that of Homoeopathic Pharmacopoeia Lab. have not been clubbed as a common cadre.

(c) Does not arise.

Departmental promotion to handicapped employees during service

1702. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the C.C.S. rules provide for departmental promotion of a serving Government employee who becomes physically handicapped duirng his service tenure;

(b) if so, whether a group 'D' employee, having the requisite educational qualifications can be promoted departmentally to senior posts in Group 'D' and 'C' like Library attendant, Zerox Operator, Junior clerk etc.;

(c) if not, whether Government propose to make any provision in C.C.S. rules for the departmental promotion of such employees; and

(d) whether such rules are also likely to be applicable to the organisation, other than Central Government organisations which follow the rules of Central Government in the matter of recruitment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (d) The departmental promotion of serving Government employees including those who become physically handicapped during their service tenure is regulated by the relevant provisions of the recruitment rules of the higher post. They have to be assessed by the Departmental Promotion Committee with reference to the eligibility conditions mentioned in the recruitment rules and their record of service. There is, however, no reservation or special consideration for physically handicapped persons in the matter of promotion.

Recurrence of gastroenteritis epidemic in the Capital

1703. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the press conference addressed by the Resident Doctors Association of Guru Teg Bahadur Hospital, Delhi recently cautioning about the impending recurrence of gastroenteritis epidemic in the Capital and the problems faced by them in handling the situation;

(b) if so, what were the precise observations and suggestions made at the Press Conference; and

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) to (c) No. However facilities at Guru Teg Bahadur Hospital has been adequately strengthened to handle the gastro-enteritis cases. An oral rehydration unit is already wirking in Out Patient Department. ORS and Intravenous fluids are also available. If needed, extra beds will be provided.

News item captioned 'Rs. 1.5 crore medicines out dated'

1704. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA:
DR. BAPU KALDATE:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the Hindustan Times dated 7th March, 1989 under the caption 'Rs. 1.5 crore Medicines out dated';

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government had taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Progress of implementation of several projects

1705. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently evaluated the progress of implementation of several projects, with the estimated cost of Rs. 1007 crores as announced by the Prime Minister in September, 1986; and

(b) If so, what have been the results of the said evaluation?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) and (b) Progress under the various items of the package for West Bengal announced by the Prime Minister in September, 1986, is being monitored by concerned Departments|Ministries on a continuing basis and the progress made is indicated in the statement enclosed. [*See* Appendix CL, Annexure No. 82]

Sinking of Soviet nuclear submarine

1706. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Soviet nuclear powered torpedo submarine sank in the international waters of Norway on the 8th April, 1989;

(b) whether Government have made any study to find out the possibility of radioactive contamination of the environment; and

(c) if so, the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) The environmental surveillance activities at Trombay, Tarapur and Kalpakkam include measurement of radioactivity levels of the marine exvironment at these locations.

(c) No increase in radioactivity in the marine environment above normal background level has been detected since 8-4-89.

Discrimination in grant of pensionary benefits to employees of NC (E)

1707. SHRI PUTTAPAGA RADHAKRISHNA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 2162 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 14th March 89 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Shri Mohan Singh Ex-719788 supervisor Technical grade II remained in the Service for 41 years two months and 15 days from 28th April 1931 to 27th April 1972 and without any break in service;

(b) whether it is a fact that he was not confirmed on any post during the period of his service;

(c) if so, the reasons thereof and also for not giving pensionary benefit and gratuity to him; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that N.C. (E), CH, AF, re-employed or who retired in 1974 were given pensionary benefit even though they have not completed their 20 years service as supervisor|Technical?